

**Military Construction and Veterans' Affairs and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2011:** The House passed H.R. 5822, making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2011, by a yea-and-nay vote of 411 yeas to 6 nays, Roll No. 482. **Pages H6216–49**

Agreed to:

Holt amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 111–570) that instructs the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to set aside at least \$20 million for suicide outreach prevention via direct advertising and the use of online social media; **Pages H6235–36**

Buyer amendment (No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 111–570) that provides \$10 million to fund additional professional level VA Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment counselors; **Page H6236**

Buyer amendment (No. 3 printed in H. Rept. 111–570), as modified, that provides \$162,734,000 of the amounts appropriated for Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Minor Construction for renewable energy projects at VA medical facility campuses; **Pages H6236–37**

Buyer amendment (No. 4 printed in H. Rept. 111–570) that provides \$10 million to fund the second year of the VA–US Paralympics Adaptive Sports Program for disabled veterans; **Pages H6237–38**

Cuellar amendment (No. 5 printed in H. Rept. 111–570) that prohibits first class travel under this Act; **Page H6238**

Hill amendment (No. 7 printed in H. Rept. 111–570) that decreases the Veteran's Administration General Operating Expense account by \$100,000, then increases it by \$100,000, for the purpose of directing the VA to examine its practices in how it accounts for returned Post-9/11 GI Benefit payments from either a veteran or an institute of higher learning, and for the purpose of directing the VA to issue a report to Congress no later than January 1, 2011, on any changes made or planned to be made to increase efficiency and timeliness of accounting for returned payments; **Page H6241**

Gingrey amendment (No. 8 printed in H. Rept. 111–570) that prohibits funds under the Act from being used to exercise the power of eminent domain without payment of just compensation; **Pages H6241–42**

Halvorson amendment (No. 10 printed in H. Rept. 111–570) that subtracts \$10,000,000 from General Operating Expenses and adds \$10,000,000 to Major Construction Projects; **Page H6243**

Peters amendment (No. 12 printed in H. Rept. 111–570) that decreases the Veteran's Administration General Operating Expense account by \$50,000, then increases it by \$50,000, for the purpose of directing the VA to implement a program that would

re-label prescription drugs used in VA hospitals to be sent home with discharged patients for outpatient use. Currently, veterans often have to go right to the pharmacy to refill what was discarded; **Page H6245**

Peters amendment (No. 13 printed in H. Rept. 111–570) that decreases the Veteran's Administration General Operating Expense account by \$150,000, then increases it by \$150,000, for the purpose of directing the VA to create a program to review all contracts after every 90-day period of inactivity to determine if the funds obligated for the contract could be deobligated and returned to the account from which the funds were obligated to be put to better use; and **Page H6245**

Gingrey amendment (No. 9 printed in H. Rept. 111–570) that prohibits any funds appropriated or otherwise made available to the Department of Defense under this Act to be used to renovate or construct any facility within the Continental United States for the purpose of housing any individual who has been detained, at any time after September 11, 2001, at United States Naval Station, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba (by a recorded vote of 353 yeas to 69 noes, Roll No. 480). **Pages H6242–43, H6247–48**

Rejected:

Garrett amendment (No. 14 printed in H. Rept. 111–570) that sought to increase funding for the Grants for Construction of State Veterans Cemeteries account by \$7,000,000 and decrease funding for the Grants for Construction, Minor Projects account by \$7,000,000 (by a recorded vote of 128 yeas to 296 noes, Roll No. 481). **Pages H6245–47, H6248**

Withdrawn:

Flake amendment (No. 6 printed in H. Rept. 111–570) that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have prohibited funding for all of the member-requested earmarks for military construction projects; and **Pages H6238–41**

Bilirakis amendment (No. 11 printed in H. Rept. 111–570) that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have required the Veterans Administration to acquire and construct up to four long-term care residential brain injury medical facilities. **Pages H6243–45**

H. Res. 1559, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 243 yeas to 178 nays, Roll No. 476, after the previous question was ordered without objection. **Pages H6206–14**

A point of order was raised against the consideration of H. Res. 1559 and it was agreed to proceed with consideration of the resolution by voice vote. **Pages H6206–08**

**Suspension—Proceedings Postponed:** The House debated the following measure under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed: